

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

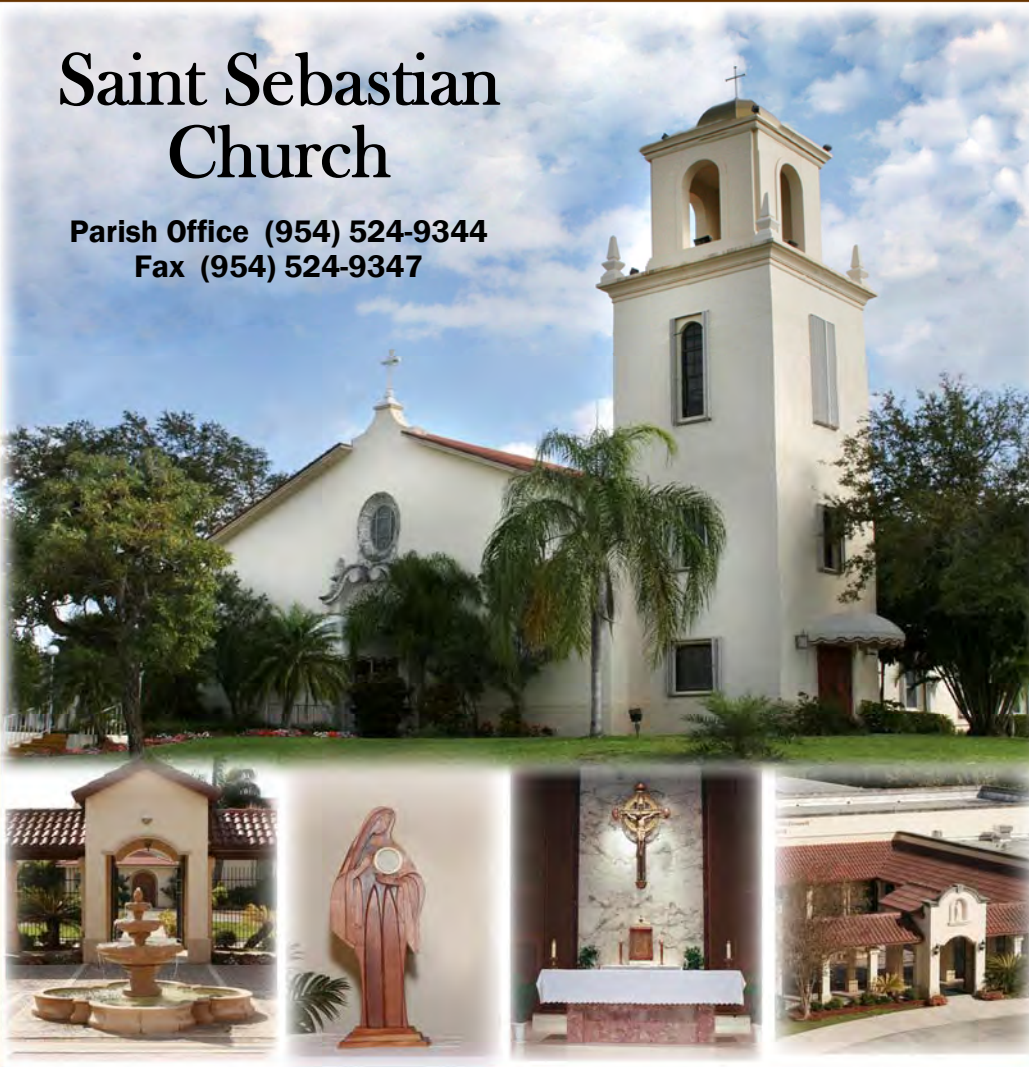
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MASSES

Saturday 5 pm
(Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 8:30 & 11 am

Weekdays 8:30 am
(Mon. through Fri.)

Holy Days
(Schedule varies)

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

is arranged by appointment. Please call the office.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Confession) 4:00-4:45 pm on Saturday, or by appointment.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK Please call the office as soon as anyone is seriously ill.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY Please call the office at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date.

PARISH REGISTRATION We invite anyone wishing to register in our Parish to visit or call the Parish Office, or stop by the Welcome table when you come for Sunday Mass to complete a census card and learn more about our Parish Family.



Mission Statement

We, the family of St. Sebastian Parish, are a stewardship parish, sharing God's Gifts. We are the hands and feet of Christ on Earth. In union with the Universal Roman Catholic Church, we endeavor to become a prayerful and unified community deeply committed to Jesus Christ, and loving service in His name. We hope to be a welcoming, caring and friendly Parish Family, wherein the gifts and talents of all - young and old - are recognized, nurtured and used to build the Kingdom of God in the world.

Dear Family,

This week I will reach 81 years. In fact, it will happen at 9:45 A.M. EDT on Tuesday. I don't expect it will feel much different from 8:45 on Monday. I do know it will be different from last year.

When 80 came last year, it took me a little time to realize that I had feelings about my age that I cannot recall ever having before. What the number seemed to say was, "OK, now you know what it was like to climb up the mountain; now what?"

I guess it's what you hear referred to as "sense of mortality." You catch yourself sort of wondering about how much time you have left.

I recently heard the chairman of the Viking Cruise Lines say on a commercial that he thought they had risen to the top of their field. He then asked where do you go from here? His answer was not the obvious "Down," but rather "FORWARD." That sounds pretty good to me.

I've told some of you that the State of Florida has decided I have time. They just issued my driver's license that goes to 3039. WHOOPS... talk about a typo. That's 2029! A few more years will do fine, not a millennium. After a while you might run out of sermon material, although as I think about it, scripture never runs out of prompting if you let it poke you.

Moving on, I have been thinking about asking you for some creative ideas about a certain project. As you may have noticed in the Main Sanctuary building, the stained glass windows portray the Mysteries of the Rosary. The Joyful and the Sorrowful are in the north and south walls. The glorious are spread around the building and you can do a search. I'll tell you that the descent if the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles is over Peter Manfredi's head as he tickles the ivories of the organ. (Talk about inspiration.)

So... St. John Paul II gave us the Luminous Mysteries, a beautiful gift that fills in the blanks between the Joyful and Sorrowful mysteries. How might we portray them? It wouldn't necessarily have to be glass. We've sort of reached the limit with window space in the Church building. The chapel is already dedicated to the Divine Healer with its windows. How can we display the new Luminous Mysteries, the mysteries of Light?

First, Jesus chooses to be identified with fallen sinful humanity when He is Baptized by John. "Do it for the sake of Righteousness." Then his mother prevails upon Him when at Cana she tells Him the wine ran out. He says in effect, "Yes?" Mary turns and simply says to the waiters, "Do what he tells you." I don't think Jesus had a choice. It begins.

The third mystery points to the powerful ministry of Jesus to Preach Good News. He does it with incredible healing words and actions.

Then, the Fourth Mystery, the Transfiguration. Remember His Baptism? We heard and/or saw an approval of Jesus by his Father with some word or sign. NOW, up here on the mountain, Jesus is with Peter, James and John, His three good buddies. Again, the Father's voice comes. Only this time, the Father says, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him!" And the three find themselves flat on their faces. Then Jesus says, "Do not be afraid." They look up and Moses and Elijah and the shimmering robe of the Lord are gone, and it's just the friends again. Only now, Jesus can tell them what they don't want to hear, namely that death is His fate.

The Fifth Mystery commemorates the gift of the Eucharist, the Bread of Life. And here we are, gathering to break that saving food. What a gift. Not a bad energy help for getting to 81.

In Jesus,



PS. Don't worry about cards. I need your prayers!

Mass Intentions

Table with 2 columns: Day/Time and Intention. Rows include Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:30 am and 11:00 am, Monday 8:30 am, Tuesday 8:30 am, Wednesday 8:30 am, Thursday 8:30 am, Friday 8:30 am, Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:30 am and 11:00 am.

REMEMBER THE SICK

Mary Lou Mann, Suzanne Plum, Don Loughran, Jr., Jim

Cowgill, Jr., Peter Hanna, Sandy Rodrigues, Margaret Reitz, John Harris, Stephen Black, Jo Neumann, Mary Alice Zittle, Alvaro Arevalo, Michelline Toulouse, Dr. Laura Evatt, Kari Albertson, Paul Ristow, Carol Houghton, Mary Connors, Ed Fetscher, Joan Morson, Margaret Donato, Margaret Rose Goldman, Ted Petoniak, Jean Armstrong, Matt Keysers, Marianne Dougherty, Sister Maire O'Dea, Loretta Polizano

BIBLE SHARING

Come for coffee and scripture sharing each Thursday in the Parish Hall at 9:15 am. Everyone is invited. You may also join us on-line by dialing 848-777-1212. When prompted put in 1431434#. For more information, please call Mary Kennedy at 954-290-1194. We will be sharing from the Gospel of Luke.

PRAYER TO AVERT HURRICANES

Father, all the elements of nature obey your commands. Protect us and all your people during this season of storms and hurricanes. Calm our fears and help us prepare our hearts as well as our homes. Help us see you in all we encounter, and help us to minister to each other in your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



In one of our supermarkets, there is a large table filled with food and hygiene items advertising "buy one get one free." If we could purchase several of these items, how quickly we could fill our church shopping carts! We could also apply this motto to other items we buy for ourselves. Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes to feed the multitudes. Perhaps we can multiply our gifts, too. To care is to share. If you know of anyone in need, please let them know that The St. Vincent DePaul Society conducts a drive thru grocery distribution every Friday from 1:30-4 PM at Blessed Sacrament Church, 1701 E Oakland Park Blvd (entrance to the parking lot is located on NE 33rd Street and will be closed at 3:45). First timers must provide proof of residency in Broward County.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION UPDATE

A note of thanks to our 26 parishioners who have already signed up for Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays. We are making progress and hopefully it won't be too much longer before the remaining nine time slots are filled and we can resume Adoration in our Chapel of the Divine Healer. YOU can make it happen! Listed below, you will see the times that still have no coverage to date. Please call the office if you are able to spend a half hour with The Lord in the Chapel at any of the following times:

ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH: 11:00-11:30

ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH: 2:30-3:00, 3:30-4:00

ON THE THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH: 2:30-3:00


ON THE FOURTH FRIDAY OF THE MONTH: 2:30-3:00, 3:30-4:00

IN THE MONTHS HAVING A FIFTH FRIDAY: 11:30-12:00, 2:30-3:00, 3:30-4:00

ST. JOSEPH'S RESIDENCE

A caring Assisted Living facility, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Miami, offering furnished apartments or suites, 24/7 nurse on duty and emergency pull cord systems. They provide three meals served daily, weekly housekeeping and laundry, as well as assistance in bathing, dressing, and monitoring medications. There is a beautiful chapel offering scheduled and private worship... all for a reasonable monthly rate. For more information, please call 954.739.1483.

Happy Birthday, Msgr. Jim!!

A glowing lightbulb in a decorative holder, symbolizing vigilance and readiness. The lightbulb is illuminated, casting a warm glow. The holder is ornate and sits on a decorative base. The background is a soft, textured surface.

*Blessed are
those servants
whom
the master
finds vigilant
on his arrival.*

Luke 12:37